

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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make the following declaration:

As a below named inventor, I (we) hereby state that I (we) qualify as independent inventor(s) as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office. I am (we are) the inventor(s) of the invention disclosed in an application for United States patent entitled:

**COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONDUCTING AN ONLINE  
VIRTUAL AUCTION**

I (we) have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and I am (we are) under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

And I (we) also acknowledge that once I (we) have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, or come under an obligation to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights to the invention to anyone who could not likewise obtain status as a small entity, I (we) will no longer be entitled to pay fees to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the amounts established for an independent inventor.

I (we) further declare that all statements made herein of my (our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent resulting therefrom.

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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor,

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I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONDUCTING AN ONLINE VIRTUAL AUCTION

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or ever used in the United States before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the date of this application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of United States Application Serial No. 60/168,816 filed December 3, 1999.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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